

## **Shamrock Princess Q and A Mik**

### **What is the most memorable vacation you've taken?**

The most memorable vacation I've ever taken, I would have to say is my senior year high school Nationals. For six days in February 2013, we were in Orlando, Florida at Disney World. While we only got to spend one or two days at the actual parks on the rides, we got to practice around the best teams in the nation. We meet so many people, and worked our hardest to truly be the best of the best. We ended up winning first out of 150+ teams that year! A dream we had all had since freshman year! My whole family got to be there and celebrate with us! It was such an unreal experience, and the greatest moment of my life thus far.

### **What's the craziest thing you've ever done in your life?**

My answer from above applies to this answer too but I obviously needed to mix it up :

In 2016, My friends entered me into the WeFest Karaoke Roundup - Karaoke Competition. They had thrust me into the karaoke world shortly after I turned 21 because of my "car-" and "shower-singing". It ended up being a blast! I met so many crazy fun people, and learned how to play my vocal strengths. I ended up winning the regional division and in turn won free WeFest tickets! Which was also a blast!! I had never been to WeFest before and I truly had the time of my life throughout the whole experience! From singing in the competition, to singing at WeFest in the crowds it truly was one of the craziest things I've ever done and been apart of!

### **If you could be in the movie of your choice, what movie would you choose and what character would you play?**

If I could be in a movie I would choose The Princess Diaries, and I would play the main character, Princess Mia. I've always dreamt of being a princess, and I used to dream of Mia's life being mine when I was little. Like how she finds out she's not just a dorky girl, but actually a princess and the heir to a throne! Ironically enough, my awkward phase happened in high school just as Princess Mia's did, and I went through a "similar" transformation. Especially learning how to tame the curls in my hair! Another favorite part and similarity between us two: when her old beloved convertible died on the hill in the middle of the pouring rain, is EXACTLY how my old beloved van died its smoky death. I really enjoy this movie and no matter how many times I watch it I will always find it comical and relatable!!

### **What's a favorite family memory that has stuck with you?**

This question was actually a little difficult, but one memory kept circling through my mind. My maternal grandparents (Otto) died while I was in high school. Since then the paternal "Pauser" side has had a lot of influence, not necessarily in a bad way, but obviously my memories with my maternal grandparents have gotten hazy through the years. It was the beginning of my sophomore year of college at MSU-Mankato, my mother was helping me move into my first "rental". We were both so excited for the future, but also bittersweet that I had officially left

the nest. When we were finished with the moving, and it was time for my mother to head back up to Bloomington, she said to me, "Always remember the Otto in you." Whether my mother knows it or not, that was a very influential farewell that day. It really stuck with me. I think about her saying those words all the time, and it's really helped me hold on tight to all the memories I had with my Irish-German grandparents. It's helped also as I've gotten older and am needing to make decisions, it helps me carry them with me in my heart and always remember their advice and beliefs.

**What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue?**

If I truly had the time, money, and resources — I would start my own YouTube channel/blog, travel the world, and record myself singing covers of songs, creating song mash-ups, and making fun music videos. It's something I always imagine and dream about in the shower or while I'm driving. Seriously though, I am extremely jealous of all those people that make a living traveling the world and posting videos about their travels and their hobbies as their day job.

**What would your warning label say if every person was required to have one?**

"WARNING: EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER"

I am a very emotional person. I feel every emotion to the extreme. If I'm anywhere between like 4 and 7, then I'm great... but 3 and below or 8 and higher... I'm crying. I cry at everything, happy things, sad things, all the time, in any situation. It's definitely a burden to feel everything so deeply, however, I feel it makes me very unique and I do not see this as a negative quality in myself. It makes the perfect warning label. :)